Amendments to the Claims:

Please replace all prior claims in the application with the following compilation of claims, which comprises all of the claims in the application.

1. (currently amended) A connection device for attaching to a ~~the~~ receiver rail of a weapon, which receiver rail has a top surface and opposite side surfaces, comprising; a base surface and first and second side ~~walls~~ members for engaging in an operative position said surfaces of the receiver rail, wherein the base surface is for engaging the top surface of the receiver rail and the first side ~~wall~~ member is stationary and is for engaging one of the side surfaces of the receiver rail and the second side ~~wall~~ member is movable between an extended position where it does not securely engage the opposite side surface of the receiver rail and said operative position where it is retracted and securely engages said opposite side surface of the receiver rail, the second side ~~wall~~ member being part of a clamp which is connected to a bolt having an axial direction, wherein the clamp is pushed and pulled between said extended and retracted positions by pushing and pulling the bolt, and ~~wherein the bolt is pushed and pulled by rotation of~~ a cam which is rotatable in a plane in which said axial direction of said bolt lies for pushing and pulling the bolt.

Claims 2 through 14 (Cancelled)

15. (New) The connection device of claim 1 wherein the first side member has an exterior surface and an interior surface, and wherein the cam has a camming surface which works against said exterior surface.

16. (New) The connection device of claim 15 wherein the bolt has a first end which extends through the second side member and a second end, wherein there is compressible means around said bolt at said first end for exerting force on the clamp.

17. (New) The connection device of claim 17 wherein said extended position and said retracted positions are the only stable positions of the clamp.

18. (New) The connection device of claim 16 wherein the cam is rotatable by about 180°.

19. (New) The connection device of claim 18 wherein the cam includes a pivot pin around which rotation of said camming surface occurs.

20. (New) The connection device of claim 19 wherein the second end of the bolt operatively engages the cam for being pushed and pulled as the cam rotates.

21. (New) The connection device of claim 20 wherein said camming surface is about circular in shape and the pivot pin is eccentrically mounted in relation to the circular shape.

22. (New) The connection device of claim 21 wherein the cam includes a lengthwise extending operating lever.

23. (New) The connection device of claim 22 wherein said operating lever is movable between respective positions generally parallel to said exterior surface of said first member which are about 180° apart and which correspond to respective stable positions of the clamp.

24. (New) The connection device of claim 23 wherein the clamp is spring biased away from the first member.

25. (New) The connection device of claim 24 wherein guide pins extend from the second member of the clamp which engage bores in the base.

26. (New) The connection device of claim 25 wherein the spring biasing is effected by loading the guide pins with springs.

27. (New) The connection device of claim 20 wherein the spring biasing is effected by loading the guide pins with springs.

28. (New) The connection device of claim 22 wherein the bolt is secured to the pivot pin.

29. (New) The connection device of claim 28 wherein said camming surface is one of a pair of camming surfaces of said cam, wherein said camming surfaces comprise a pair of parallel ears between which there is a space in which is situated the pivot pin, and wherein said exterior surface of said first member against which said camming surface works comprises a pair of ledges.

30. (New) The connection device of claim 29 wherein the ledges are separated by an abutment which projects from the exterior surface of the first member, said abutment being in the space between the ears, wherein flat surfaces of the ears are adjacent respective flat surfaces of said abutment.

31. (New) A connection device for attaching to a receiver rail of a weapon, which receiver rail has a top surface and opposite side surfaces, comprising; a base surface and first and second side members for engaging in an operative position said surfaces of the receiver rail, wherein the base surface is for engaging the top surface receiver rail and the first side member is stationary and is for engaging one of the side surfaces of the receiver rail and the second side member is movable between an extended position where it does not securely engage the opposite side surface of the receiver rail and said operative position where it is retracted and securely engages said opposite side surface of the receiver rail, the second side member being part of a clamp which is connected to a bolt having an axial direction, wherein the clamp is pushed and pulled between said extended and retracted positions by pushing and pulling the bolt, and a cam having a camming surface which works against an exterior surface of said first side member and which is rotatable in a plane in which said axial direction of said bolt lies for pushing and pulling

the bolt, the bolt having a first end which extends through the second side member, and there being compressible means around the bolt at said first end for exerting force on the clamp.